



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF RAIL AND TRANSIT

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: April 25, 2018

LOCATION & TIME: NHDOT, 5 Hazen Drive, Concord NH, Room 205 – 1pm to 3pm

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC) Monthly Meeting

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Craig Tufts, CNHRPC (Chair)
Dave Topham, Granite State Wheelmen (phone)
Will Schoefmann, City of Keene
Liz Strachan, DES – Air Resources
Erik Paddleford, NHDOT – Rail and Transit
Alex Belenz, North Country Council
Mike Whitten, MTA
Greg Bakos, BWA-NH (left meeting at 2 pm)
Scott Bogle, RPC (phone)
Simon Corson, Town of Amherst

Absent:

Scott Bourcier, Dubois & King
Eric Feldbaum, DNCR
Tim Blagden, Concord-Lake Sunapee RT
Kathleen Mullen, DHHS

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS/ OTHERS PRESENT:

Larry Keniston, NHDOT – Rail and Transit

NOTES ON MEETING:

Approval of February Minutes

The minutes of the February 25 meeting were approved by the Committee.

Conference Planning

Craig provided an update on planning for the conference set to take place on October 19, 2018 at the DES/DHHS building on Hazen Drive. The conference subcommittee is comprised of Craig Tufts, Erik Paddleford, Derek Shooster, Katie Nelson, Paula Bedard, Kathleen Mullen, Matt Waitkins, and Adam Hlasny. The subcommittee met on April 20th at CNHPC. The subcommittee discussed food costs for box lunches for attendees, sponsorships, room capacity, agenda timing, tracks, and who may be good as a key note speaker. The conference will be tentatively called the NH Complete Streets Conference and the group is looking at a key note speaker who can speak to economic development and how complete streets can lead to more economic development.

Paula Bedard is going to look into the costs for catering the lunch. Erik will provide the agenda from the last conference to the group and look at what the room capacities are. Erik will send Katie the save the date card and Katie will review and/ or update the card. We should send the save the date card out soon.

Some names that came up for presentations were Tiffany Manion (bike mayor of Keene), Chris Parker of Dover, NH, Joe Faro of the Tuscan Village development, Eric Chinberg from the seacoast. It may also make sense to check with Smart Growth America to see if they can recommend any speakers. The Mt. Washington Valley Trails Association may be a good organization to speak on economic and rail trail development in the Conway area. Other ideas included having an OHRV panel discussion. The NE Bike Walk Summit is April 27th and maybe some ideas for presentations will come out of that conference.

More ideas included a Granite State Rail Trail update or something about bike share in NH. Manchester and/ or Portsmouth have bike shares and a presentation could address docked vs. dockless bike share programs, volunteer vs. pay for bike share, scalability of a bike share program. Juliet Walker may be a good person who could speak about Portsmouth's program. Dave Topham wrote an article in the latest "Pedal Talk" newsletter and thought e-bikes and what is allowed under NH law would be a good topic. Currently there are 106 brands of e-bikes. ADA accessibility was mentioned. Erik said he could check with Sandt Michener the ADA specialist and DOT if the committee was interested in an ADA presentation.

Trails as economic catalysts was another topic mentioned. Road diets and count data/ data sources/ available data and how to use data was mentioned as a presentation topic as well. Maybe there will be some progress on the SADES/ bicycle infrastructure project by then and an update can be given on that project at the conference.

It would be nice to have a transit related presentation or track. Transit presentations could be about accessibility or 1st and last mile connections. It was noted that only a handful of communities have transit in NH.

An education track was discussed with topics of Safe Routes to School, the Bicycle Friendly Drivers program from Fort Collins that Ann Rugg of SABR is familiar with, outreach to organizations, and the NH drivers education program.

"3 Foot Rule" signs

Erik gave an overview of recent discussions taking place around a request to change a vandalized sign in Rye NH that ultimately led to the old (share the road) warning sign remaining in place at the request of the town police. Concurrently with this development, Keene's request to install the new MUTCD approved "3 foot rule" signs was granted. In order to further understand what is and is not allowed and the situation in Rye, Erik said he would reach out to Bill Lambert to set up a meeting to discuss the Bureau of Traffic's work instructions for bicycle signing, the procedure for requesting permission to install the newly MUTCD approved bicycle related signs and what is allowable on DOT maintained roadways and what is not. One of the goals of this meeting would be to start the development of a policy/ procedure/ work instruction that could allow additional NHDOT-installed and maintained

signing options (in lieu of Share the Road signing) such as “3-foot” signing and possibly Bikes May Use Full Lane signing. Another goal of the meeting would be to make it easier for towns/ groups requesting bicycle signing to understand the process. The working group for this task is comprised of Will Schoefmann, Erik Paddleford, Scott Bogle, and Dave Topham.

Bicycle Industry Rep.

With Jeff Latimer leaving the committee there is a vacancy for the bike industry rep. Let Erik or Craig know if you have someone in mind.

CSAC Logo

Erik went over the 3 recent logo designs and the voting results. Committee member’s agreed to a change on the most popular logo to include the grey stripe at the bottom of the logo. With that change the committee voted to accept the most popular logo design. It is visible on the heading of these notes.

Legislative Updates

Click on the links for updated information:

[HB 1731-FN](#) - Relative to regulating bicycles and requiring that driver's license applicants be informed of and examined on laws relating to bicyclists rights and safety.

- Passed both the house and senate and the governor is set to sign the bill. 60 days after it is signed it will become law. Larry and Dave will work together to have DOT publicize the change in the law.

[SB-560-FN](#) - Relative to updating the state trails plan and making an appropriation therefor.

- This was referred to interim study and is essentially dead for this session.

Other Items

Dave mentioned that Larry Crow from DOS will be doing some outreach about motorist and cyclist interactions at Concord, Nashua, and Dover DMV locations on May 8, 9, and 10 from 11am-1pm. There will be a display set up with a cyclist in hi-viz clothing to catch the attention of people going in and out of the offices.

Craig mentioned the Concord area bike swap at S&W Sports will be taking place May 19th and 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2018 1:00-3:00pm, NHDOT: Materials and Research, Room 205

Future Meetings	
<i>May 23</i>	<i>Sep. 26</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>Oct. 24</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<i>Dec. ??</i>